



The Wildcat Monthly



OCTOBER 2016

This publication highlights the monthly activities and events that take place on campus and across the state.



OCTOBER, 2016

Sept 30-3	Fri-Mon	No School for KSB (Fall Break)
Sept. 30-1	Fri-Mon	NCASB Conference Track and Field Meet: Indianapolis, IN
4	Tuesday	SBDM Meeting, 4 PM
6	Thursday	KSBCF Golf Scramble, 1 PM Fuzzy Zoeller's Covered Bridge Golf Club, Sellersburg, IN
8/10	Sat/Mon	Low Vision Clinic, KSB (FULL)
10	Monday	KSB Advisory Board, 11:30 AM
11	Tuesday	School Photos
12	Wednesday	Bill Roby Track & Field Games, KSB
14/15	Fri/Sat	TN Invitational Goalball Meet: Nashville, TN
15	Saturday	White Cane Day
18	Tuesday	1 st Quarter Grading Period Ends
21	Friday	KVEC Fall Gathering, Hazard
		Deadline to register for Family Conference
26	Wednesday	KY Invitational Goalball Meet: KSB

NOVEMBER, 2016

1	Tuesday	SBDM Meeting, 4 PM
4/5	Fri/Sat	NCASB Conference Goal Ball Meet: St. Louis, MO
	Fri/Sat	KSB/VIPS Family Conference and Retreat, KSB
7/8	Mon/Tues	No School for KSB (Election Day)
11	Friday	Low Vision Clinic, KSB (FULL)
16	Wednesday	Envisioning Day, Ashland
17	Thursday	KSB Fall Concert, 6:30 PM
18	Friday	Braille/Low Vision Carnival, Grades K-5, KSB
21-25	Mon-Fri	No School for KSB (Thanksgiving)

LOW VISION

By: Connie Hill, CLVT (Certified Low Vision Therapist)



The American Printing House for the Blind has released a new product: Video Mag HD. It is a high-definition handheld video magnifier.



This device allows a student or adult to use magnification while reading or writing, and displays a slide show. It has a fold-away handle that will support small hands. It allows the student to hold the magnifier close to an object, press the magnification buttons for continuous zoom (2x to 13x with the hand open or 4x to 10x with the handle closed), and then freeze the image on the screen. This device is portable to use in the community for grocery shopping, reading clothing labels, price tags, receipts, and for school work. The best part of the Video Mag HD it allows the student to be **INDEPENDENT!**

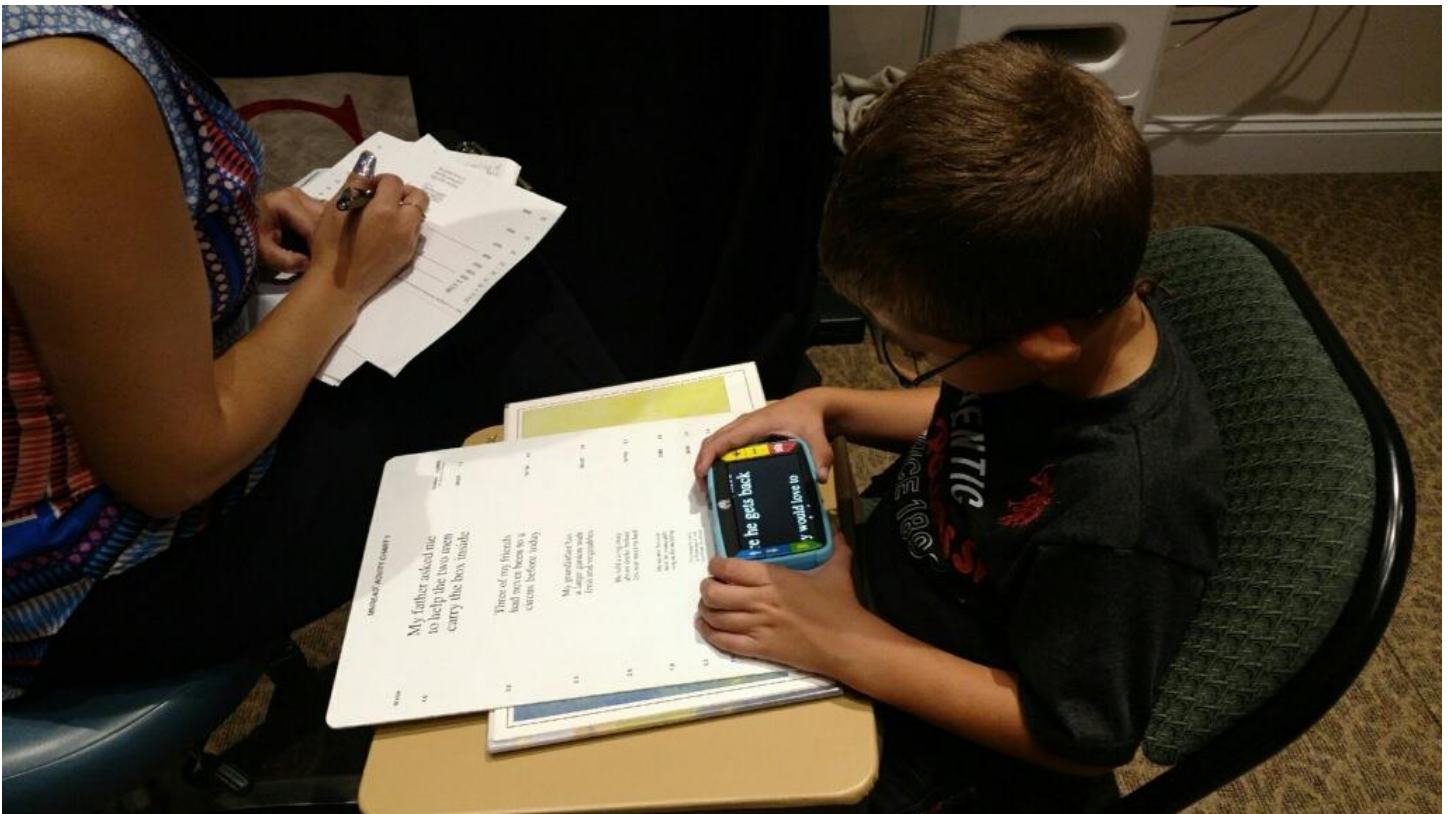


Photo: A student is using the Video Mag HD.

The September Low Vision Clinic was held in Ashland on September 16-17. Ten students received a Low Vision Evaluation from Dr. Guadalupe Mejia. Several parents and teachers of the visually impaired were there to support their students. The clinic was an overall success!



The next clinic will be October 8 and 10 at KSB

Left Photo: Dr. Mejia does paper work while student checks out a low vision device. Below: Dr. Mejia tests student while Amanda Greene, TVI Greenup County observes.



Cooking with Ms. Connie

Fall is here -that means it is apple season! During vision class students are learning how to use an apple corer to slice their own apple safely and independently. Several students were working on color and contrast when slicing their apple to see what color plate (either black or white) worked best for them. After the apple was sliced, the students experimented with peanut butter, honey, caramel and Nutella on white and black plates for easy access in locating the different flavors. The students would explain honey is shiny on a black plate and on a white plate it looked orange/yellow. The Nutella was easy to see on a white plate and the caramel look great on both plates.



Left: Haley Hall using the apple corer.

Right: Ms. White's and Ms. Fischer's classes are using the apple corer and are experimenting.



Left: Jontae is proud of his achievement!!

SCHOOL PORTRAITS

School Portraits will be taken October 11-14. *No portraits taken on October 12 due to the Bill Roby Games.



There will be a make-up day (TBA). Photos will be sent home before Thanksgiving. If you forgot to sign up on registration day, please let Ms. Gatewood know that you are interested in having photos taken. Packets are \$20. These are for K-11th grades only. Senior photos are by appointment with Mr. Hulsey throughout the school year.



NOTE FOR PARENTS



If your child will be absent, please notify Denise Gill by 7:30 AM. (502) 897-1583 ext, 7202 or denise.gill@ksb.kyschools.us. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Please send an absent note with your child when they return to school.

ATHLETICS

Track & Field

September 30- Oct. 1, 2016 NCASB Conference Championships, Indianapolis, IN
October 12, 2016 Bill Roby Games, KSB

Goalball

October 14-15, 2016 Tennessee Invitational, Nashville TN
October 26, 2016 Kentucky Invitational Meet, KSB
November 4-5, 2016 NCASB Conference Championships, St. Louis, MO
March 8, 2017 Annual Little NC's Goalball Championships, Louisville, KY

Wrestling & Cheerleading

December 2-3, 2016 Tennessee Invitational, Nashville, TN
December 14, 2016 Ohio Invitational Day Meet, Columbus, OH
January 18, 2017 Indiana Invitational Day Meet, Indianapolis, IN
January 27-28, 2017, Annual NCASB Conference Championships, KSB
March 8, 2017 Annual Little NC's Wrestling and Cheerleading Championships, KSB

Swimming & Forensics

March 8, 2017 Annual Little NC's Swimming Championships, KSB
March 15, 2017 Ohio Swim Clinic/Invitational, Columbus, OH
April 12, 2017 Indiana Invitational Day Meet, Indianapolis, IN
April 28-29, 2017 Annual NCASB Conference Championships, Columbus, OH

KSB PARENT CONFERENCE AND VIPS FAMILY RETREAT – NOV 4-5 @ KSB



*Space is limited to **50** families so register today!*

Conference sponsored by KSB and Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) for families of children who are blind and visually impaired

REGISTER HERE! <http://www.ksb.kyschools.us/workshops/view.aspx?wid=5>

Contact: Family Support Specialist Mitch Dahmke, (502) 897-1583 x 0204 or mitch.dahmke@ksb.kyschools.us

There is a non-refundable \$25 registration fee.

**** Families travelling greater than 50 miles will be offered a one-night hotel room free of charge ****

CHECKS must be mailed to
Beth Baker
Kentucky School for the Blind
1867 Frankfort Ave
Louisville, KY 40206
DEADLINE: OCTOBER 21

IF YOU ARE 18+ and would like to VOLUNTEER ... please sign up here:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4aa4a62da02-vipsksb1>

KSB/VIPS Retreat Agenda

Friday, November 4 (PARENTS AND STUDENTS)

4:30 PM-6 PM Registration is open at Kentucky School for Blind,
1867 Frankfort Ave, Louisville, KY 40206

6 PM – 6:30 PM Meet & Greet with Staff of KSB and VIPS

6:30 PM – 8 PM Opening Ceremonies: Kentucky Education Commissioner, Stephen L. Pruitt

Saturday, November 5 (PARENTS)

8 AM–9 AM Registration and drop off children at Camp and Respite

8:45 – 9:15 AM Welcome by Tristan Parsons, KSB Interim Principal and
Kathy Mullen, VIPS Education Coordinator

9:15 AM–10:30 AM **Session #1**
Dr. Gupta
Emotional Therapist

10:45 AM–12 PM **Session #2**
Office for the Blind
Michelle P Waiver – All you need to know

12 PM-1:30 PM Lunch - Cinco de Mayo!



- 1:45 PM – 3 PM **Session #3**
 Connie Hill –Independent Living
 Jennifer Stocker, OT
- 3:15 PM–5 PM O&M Experience and Vision Carnival
- 5 PM Thanksgiving Dinner
- 7 PM– 7:30 PM Children pick up at Respite and Camp



Saturday, November 5 (STUDENTS AGES 3-17)

- 8 AM -9AM Check-in
- 9 AM-12 PM **SPRING**
 Zoo– up close with animals from the zoo
 Good Garbage - making masks
- 12 PM-3 PM **SUMMER**
 Picnic style lunch
 Kentucky Science Center – Messy Reactions
 Face Painting
 Ice Cream Sundaes
- 3 PM-5 PM **FALL**
 Discovering pumpkins guts
 Trick or Treat
- 5 PM-7 PM **WINTER**
 New Year's Eve party
 Chocolate fountain
 Pizza dinner
 Photo booth



BOYSCOUTS

By: Stephanie McDonald

This year KSB cubs, scouts, and crew will be doing a lot of hands on activities. There are a few items we need, to make this happen. There is no need to go out and buy these items, but if you have them to donate, we will appreciate the help.

Items include: old candles, old tin coffee cans, acrylic paint or wood paint, sand paper, mason jars, and stickers.

There will be a scout box in the lobby of Evans Hall for any donated supplies.

Thanks for your support!



PSO

By: Lyndon Spigelmire, Parent (Contact: 502-902-7497 or lyndonspigelmire@gmail.com)

We have a new name – Parent, Staff Organization (PSO). We are NOT eliminating the help or suggestions of students, just making our name more current. Students are always welcome.

I am doing a poll: Is there a better time for parents and staff for the PSO meetings? Email or call me if you want to suggest something different or if you are ok with the time of the meetings. We will have to go with the majority and the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer would need to be able to meet at the most suggested time for this to work. I know most parents are far away and some don't have childcare for the evening. I don't know if this change is possible, but am asking if there is interest?

All parents are welcome to the next PSO meeting on Tues., Oct. 4 at 1:30 PM. We will meet in the lobby and go to a conference room. Our meetings end at 2:30 PM in order to meet our children in the lobby.

PSO Officers for 2016-17:

President: Lyndon Spigelmire

Vice-President: Brandi Hitzelberger

Treasurer: Katie O'Bryan

Secretary: Dana Flynn

UPCOMING EVENTS

HALLOWEEN MASKS Event at APH Museum

Saturday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Masks have been a part of many cultures throughout history. Masks made by the sighted usually depend on the visual for their effects, but textures and shapes can convey emotions as well. Museum staff will guide participants of all ages and abilities as they make scary or friendly Halloween masks and headdresses using tactile materials. Free to the public but space is limited so registration is required. Call 502-899-2213 or email kcarpenter@aph.org to register. Best for children age 6 and up.

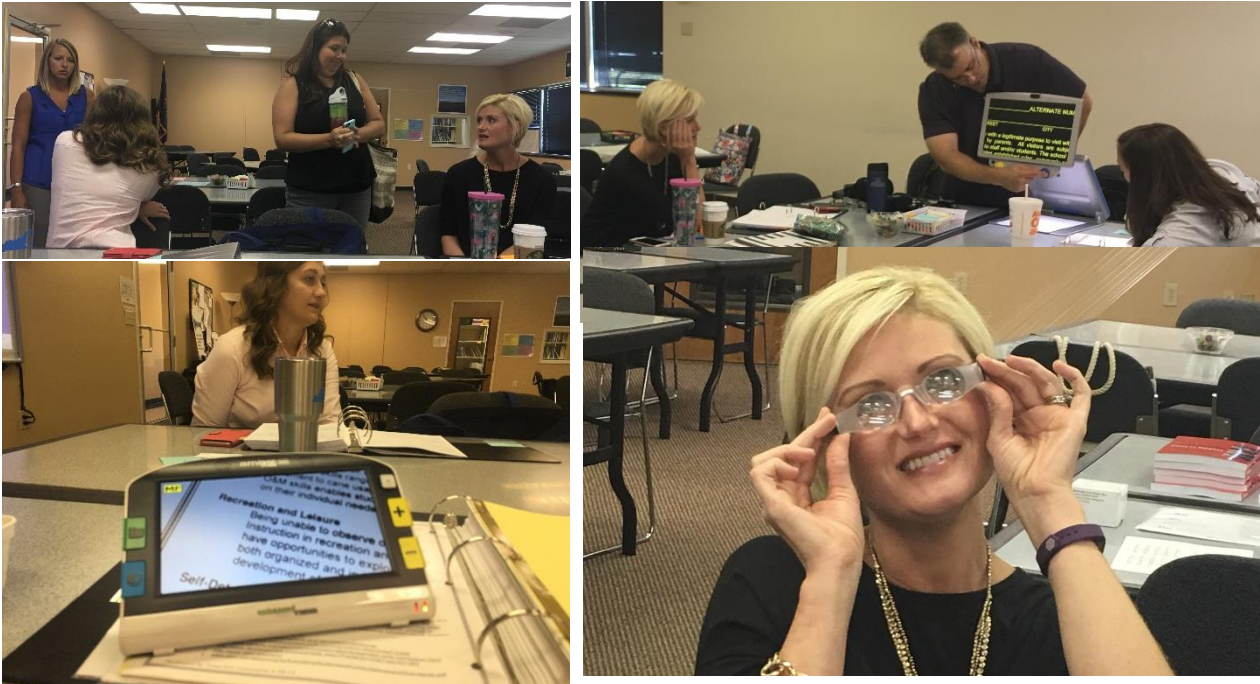
HIGHLIGHTS

CENTRAL KY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE (CKEC)

By: Nancy Nichols, Outreach Consultant

CKEC is hosting a **New Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) Professional Learning Community (PLC)**. It will take place four times throughout the school year. New TVIs will receive support and professional learning opportunities.

Photos below: New TVI's interact with Office for the Blind (OFB) Counselors and the OFB Assistive Technology specialist. They are trying out the Ruby Handheld Video Magnifier, a CCTV and special glasses.



Students from Scott and Jessamine counties attended the **KSB Student Event at The Living Arts and Science Center** in Lexington. The students participated in four learning events including NASA room, planetarium, an art museum and creating their own tactile art. The artist was Arturo the Mentor. 18 students and 28 total. High school students did Orientation and Mobility (O&M) with Kelly and picnicked on site.



Photos show students touching tactile art, creating with ribbons and showing off their creation. Artist statement reads: Arturo the Mentor: Beyond teaching, Arturo's continued support and commitment to the success of his (former) students is what makes him a true mentor. In that way, he has been invaluable to me - it seems that he is always thinking of ways to help me make connections and find opportunities to show my work. - Erin Eldred

WESTERN KY EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE

By: Robbin Cox, Outreach Consultant

West KY White Cane Dinner

White Cane Safety Day is a national observance around the world, celebrated on October 15 of each year since 1964. The date is set aside to celebrate the achievements of people who are blind and visually impaired and the important symbol of blindness and tool of independence, the white cane.

In honor of this day, West KY is hosting a gathering for students, families, teachers, counselors and individuals interested in vision loss. They will learn about O&M and how these services are provided to children and adults who experience vision loss. For more information, contact Robbin Cox, KSB Outreach Consultant at 270-994-3395 or robbin.cox@ksb.kyschools.us.



Date: Monday, October 17, 2016
Location: Baptist Health Heart Center – 2nd Floor, Paducah, KY
Time: 5:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Dr. Barbara Bowers of Innovative Ophthalmology

Dr. Bowers was the first surgeon in Kentucky to offer Bladeless Laser Cataract Surgery and continues to be the region's most experienced bladeless cataract surgeon. Dr. Bowers is excited to provide state-of-the-art technology to her cataract patients. Come and learn what is new and exciting in the vision world. Dr. Bowers will extend a Question & Answer invitation after her presentation.

Light Refreshments will be served.

Our VISION is Stronger TOGETHER.

November 15 – 5 PM-7 PM

Night Travel

Let's take the *Fright* out of the *Night*!



I Team

Downtown After Dark - All low vision students are invited to this event.

Students, please listen carefully. You are about to experience an amazing **NIGHT**. You will be surprised at what you can find lurking among the streets after dark. There may even be some goodies to be found! Ready or Not, here we come!

We will meet at the Kentucky Career Center – Kentucky Office for the Blind in the Conference room and the O&M instructors will depart with their groups and the parents will remain for a meeting.

Please fill out the enclosed registration sheet for the White Cane Dinner and iTeam events. **It is extremely important that your registration be received by October 5, late registration can't be guaranteed.** If you have any questions, please call 270-575-7315 or email jeana.sutton@ky.gov.



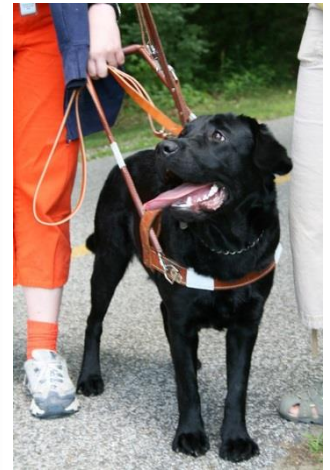
I Team

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GPS Trekker Breeze Training and Leader Dog Training

October 22 – 1 PM-3 PM

All students will receive training with the Trekker Breeze GPS device and with the Leader Dog.



We will split the students into two groups, and alternate between training so that everyone gets training in both areas.

We will meet at the McCracken County Library in the downstairs lobby area and we will separate the groups and begin the training.

Please contact Jean Sutton at the Office for the Blind to sign up for the event. Call 270-575-7315 or email jeana.sutton@ky.gov.

FV/LMA FOR STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL COMPLEX NEEDS

October 28

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM (CST)

West KY Educational Cooperative Convention Center
435 Outlet Avenue Eddyville, KY

The WKEC Special Education Division is pleased to present the FV/LMA for Students with Additional Complex Needs training for Teachers of the Blind & Visually Impaired.

Audience: Teachers of the Visually Impaired, Special Education Teachers, Related Service Providers, First Steps Providers

Learning Targets:

- Learn strategies for completing a Functional Vision/Learning Media Assessment (FV/LMA) on students with visual impairments who have additional complex needs (i.e., delays in cognition, sensory-motor, language, etc.)
- Learn ways to appropriately assess each area of the FV/LMA and develop team oriented goals that maximize student learning
- Learn ways to develop interventions used by teachers and related service providers

LOUISVILLE STORY PROJECT



"The Louisville Story Program is conducting rigorous workshops with seven authors from the Kentucky School for the Blind to help them develop an anthology of nonfiction. Their stories range across the map: pastoral recollections of rural Kentucky, the travails and triumphs of visual impairment, difficult times as an outsider, hard transitions away from kith and kin, and the community and the path to independence they've found in Louisville."

Publication date: November 2016 – you can pre-order now!

Sneak Peak: <http://louisvillestoryprogram.org/projects/more-than-what-you-see-dispatches-from-the-kentucky-school-for-the-blind/gallery>

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KSB Mission Statement:

“The mission of the Kentucky School for the Blind is to provide comprehensive educational services to all Kentucky students who are blind and visually impaired, birth to 21.”

KSB Vision Statement:

“Empowering Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired to Command their Future”

KSB Beliefs

We believe students who are blind and visually impaired...

- ... can become college and career ready through world class instruction and services
- ... have unique needs that must be met
- ... have a right to knowledge, tools and relationships necessary to build successful lives
- ... deserve to be taught in a safe and caring environment by competent professionals
- ... are meaningful contributors to society